

Broadband update for Diddlebury Parish Council - July 2021

Connecting Shropshire is a multi-million pound programme to bring faster broadband to the parts of the Shropshire Council area where private companies are not going to provide it as part of their current commercial plans. Since 2013, the programme has provided access to superfast broadband for over **68,000** homes and businesses. The programme is due to complete in winter 2021.

Connecting Shropshire has provided access to superfast broadband (30mbps) for around **90 premises** in the parish from Openreach's 'fibre to the cabinet' broadband network. **Nine premises** in SY7 9DB & SY7 9LG have access to Openreach's 'fibre to the premises' broadband network. The Openreach network is open to all Internet Service Providers (ISPs).



Munslow cabinet 2 serves 90 premises in and around Diddlebury village

Parishioners wanting to access the Openreach broadband network need to make the switch by upgrading to a fibre broadband package with their chosen internet service provider. Parishioners can visit the Openreach website to check the availability of fibre broadband:

<https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband>

Premises in the parish that cannot access a superfast broadband connection from the Openreach network, may be able to order a connection from Secure Web Services ([SWS](#)), which has infrastructure covering premises in the parish from their 'fixed wireless' broadband network. SWS can be contacted on 0333 7000 227 or email: enquiries@swsbroadband.net

Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme

Connecting Shropshire doesn't currently have any specific plans to improve the broadband connectivity in the parish. However, Shropshire Council has made up to £1m of additional funding available to 'top-up' the national Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme. The maximum funding per voucher is £4,000 for homes and £7,000 for businesses. To qualify for the Scheme, groups of two or more residents/businesses must be located in a rural area and be unable to get broadband speeds of 100Mbps. For full details, see: <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/gigabit-broadband-voucher-scheme>

Queries

If parishioners have specific queries, they should contact Connecting Shropshire with their question as well as providing their address and landline number (if they have one).

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